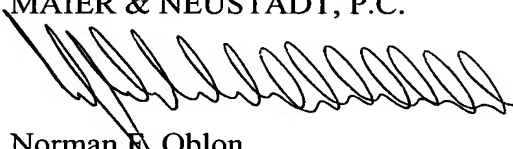


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 13-18 are active in the present application. Claims 2, 10-12 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claims 2 and to provide a Markush group for the salt. Support for the amendment is found on page 8, lines 20-27. Claims 1, 3-9, 13 and 17-18 have been amended for clarity and to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Amended) A deodorant comprising a deodorant organic dibasic acid, said acid comprising [composed of] an organic dibasic acid [and/or], a salt thereof or a combination thereof.

wherein said acid has [having] a difference between [the] a first acid dissociation index [(hereinafter, abbreviated as first acid dissociation index)] and [the] a second acid dissociation index [(hereinafter, abbreviated as second acid dissociation index)] of 1.7 or more at 25°C,

wherein said second dissociation index is from 6 to 8, and

wherein said salt is selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal salt, an ammonium salt, a zinc salt, an aluminum salt and mixtures thereof.

3. (Amended) The deodorant according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein [the] a water content is from 80 to 99% by weight.

4. (Amended) A deodorant composition comprising the deodorant according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 and a surfactant in an amount of 0.01 to 10% by weight.

5. (Amended) The deodorant composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, further [containing] comprising 0.001 to 2.0% by weight of a perfume.

6. (Amended) A spray mode deodorant article comprising a spray mode vessel filled with the deodorant according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1.

7. (Amended) A hair cosmetic comprising the deodorant organic dibasic acid according to [any one of claims 1 to 2] claim 1.

8. (Amended) A body cosmetic deodorant comprising the deodorant organic dibasic acid according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1.

9. (Amended) A skin cosmetic comprising the deodorant organic dibasic acid according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1.

13. (Amended) A method of deodorizing an object [by] comprising, applying the deodorant organic dibasic acid according to claim 1 to [the] said object.

17. (Amended) A sheet [containing] comprising the body deodorant according to claim 8.

18. (Amended) A method of deodorizing a body [by] comprising, pasting the sheet according to claim 17 in a dry or wet condition to [the] said body or wiping [the] said body with the sheet.--

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled).